



General Assembly

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**Substitute Bill No. 5504**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING A SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) (a) The Department of  
2       Education shall conduct an analysis of safe learning policies and  
3       practices in school districts, including policies developed pursuant to  
4       section 10-222d of the general statutes to address bullying. The  
5       analysis shall (1) examine the effectiveness of such policies and  
6       practices in reducing bullying and harassment in schools, (2) report on  
7       the relationship of bullying to the incidence of school dropout and  
8       student suicide, (3) document school districts' articulated needs for  
9       technical assistance and training related to safe learning and bullying,  
10      (4) report on the prevention and intervention strategies utilized by  
11      schools to reduce the incidence of bullying, and (5) report on the  
12      department's response to the needs identified in subdivision (3) of this  
13      subsection. On or before January 1, 2007, and annually thereafter, the  
14      department shall submit a report on the analysis, in accordance with  
15      section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of  
16      the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
17      education and to the select committee of the General Assembly having  
18      cognizance of matters relating to children.

19      (b) The department may accept private donations and seek grants or

20 other funding for the purposes of this section.

21       Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of fifty thousand dollars is  
22 appropriated to the Department of Education, from the General Fund,  
23 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, for the purpose of funding  
24 grants pursuant to section 10-263e of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section

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*Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

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